News release

Severe gales hit Scotland

14 January 2003

Scotland is about to be hit by severe gales, with damaging winds of up to 90 m.p.h., Met Office forecasters are warning. By tomorrow morning, parts of northern Scotland will be affected by the storm-force gusts, with other parts of the country experiencing winds of at least 60 m.p.h.

The winds are being carried on the southern edge of an Atlantic storm that is expected to skirt the country on Wednesday morning.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting, said: "Although high winds are not unusual in January, people need to be aware that gusts of this speed can cause structural damage. As they will peak during daytime hours, people need to take extra care, especially on the roads."

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